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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 9, 2002, the applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group II, with traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested as a search of all the claimed subject matter is not believed to present an undue burden on the Examiner.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement, and an early and favorable Action on the merits of all the claimed subject matter, are requested.

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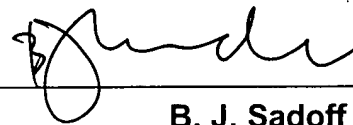
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